



# **Waiver Integration Update**

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# Waiver Integration – What Is It?

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## Full integration of seven 1915(c) waivers into the 1115 waiver

- Entrance to HCBS will remain the same; services fall into two broader categories: adults and children
- Eligibility requirements/process remain the same
- Children will continue to be entitled to all medically necessary services identified through Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
- All members continue to be entitled to medically necessary state plan services in KanCare
- Services will be authorized through personalized plans of care



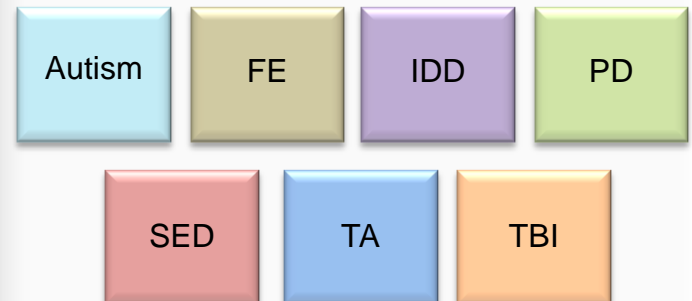
## 1115 Demonstration

- All Medicaid services in State Plan
- Gives State authority to provide all services, including 1915(c) services, through managed care to all populations
- Allows State to operate seven 1915(c)/HCBS waivers alongside the 1115 demonstration



## 1915(c) Waivers

- All HCBS waiver services provided under managed care





## 1115 Demonstration

- All Medicaid services in State Plan
- Authority to provide all services through managed care to all populations
- Includes KanCare CommunityCare (HCBS)

### Children's Benefit Plan

Children with Autism  
Children who are medically fragile and need TA  
Children with SED  
Children with IDD  
Youth 16+ with PD  
Youth 16+ with TBI

### Adults' Benefit Plan

Adults who are FE  
Adults with IDD  
Adults with PD  
Adults with TBI

# Waiver Integration – Why?

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- To create parity for populations served through Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) – services should be based on a personalized plan of care and centered on an individual's needs rather than their disability
- To offer a broader array of services – some individuals have disabilities that qualify them for more than one HCBS program, but they are limited to a single set of services

# Waiver Integration – Why? cont

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- To improve moves between HCBS Programs and in transitioning from child to adult services
- To support development and expansion of community-based services
- To make things simpler for KanCare members, their families, and providers

# Waiver Integration - Stakeholder Input

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- Two rounds of statewide information sharing sessions and listening tours (including evening sessions and conference call options).
- Focused work of Waiver Integration Stakeholder Engagement (WISE) workgroup
  - 100 stakeholders across all disability groups, providers, consumers and families
  - Five focus groups worked over four, 4-hour sessions, making numerous recommendations

# WISE Workgroup Recommendations

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## Access, Eligibility and Navigation:

1. Waitlists
  - Eliminate if possible
  - Cost savings should be applied to waitlist reduction
2. No change to pathway to eligibility
3. Eliminate the child and adult population service packages and combine into one
4. Develop basic 1115 waiver training and deliver to interested stakeholders



# WISE Workgroup Recommendations

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## Service Provision and Limitations:

1. Expand employment supports
2. Combine certain services
3. Establish new services

# WISE Workgroup Recommendations

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## Provider Qualifications and Licensing:

1. Reduce administrative burdens and streamline processes for providers
2. Ensure qualified providers
3. Maintain choice for providers and participants

# WISE Workgroup Recommendations

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## Policy and Regulation Review:

1. Develop an Operational Council to assist with policy review and development specific to waiver integration.
2. Develop a Policy Advisory Council to assist State staff in the development and revision of policy.
3. Develop a specific plan for communication regarding regulation and policy.
4. Collaborate with stakeholders to write an integrated waiver program manual and develop policies to further operationalize aspects of the program manual.

# WISE Workgroup Recommendations

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## Education, Training and Communication:

1. Make sure all documents use both person-first language and plain language at the sixth grade level.
2. Continue to bring state staff and all stakeholders together to communicate, collaborate, and work together.
3. Utilize a variety of mediums to provide training and education.
4. Require provider training on integrated waiver before providers are allowed to provide waiver services.

# Waiver Integration – Next Steps

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- Stakeholder focus groups will provide advice and recommendations on:
  - Defining new services
  - Refining and improving supportive employment
  - Developing a communication and education plan
  - Dealing with waiting lists
- WISE workgroup recommendations, focus group recommendations, public input and MCO recommendations will all inform development of 1115 amendment
- Targeted Implementation of January, 2017